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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
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the claims:
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 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-17	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Prior-art

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 0158085 A1
 D2: US 2002114279 A1
 D3: WO 9825422 A1
 D4: WO 02052800 A1

Document D1 describes a GSM/GPRS telecommunication system including an IP based BSS capable of supporting an IP protocol which enables a sending source to address several destinations using one address in a packet address field of a signal, eg multicast transmission or point-to-multipoint transmission. The sending source can be any of the devices in the telecommunication network, i.e. multicast messages are sent over the Gb-interface (see D1 Figure 2, page 5 line 30-page 6 line 14).

Document D2 describes another GSM/GPRS telecommunication system. The system communicates over the Gb-interface, where flow control is done on three different subjects, per BVC, per MS and per PFC. The flow control which controls the data flow per packet flow context (PFC) is introduced in addition to controlling the flow per mobile station and per BVC. The base station can then control the data flow with greater regard to the particular circumstances of each context. For example, the BSS may decrease the data flow with low priority or low guaranteed bit rate and delay, and at the same time increase the data flow with high priority or high guarantee bit rate and delay for the same mobile station (see paragraphs 007-0023).

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Documents D3-D4 represent the prior art. The claimed invention is not considered to be anticipated by these documents.

Statement of reason**The single general concept**

The claimed invention aims at solving a problem relating to missing standardization for the communication over the GERAN Gb interface for multicast services, i.e. to provide an addressing mechanism for routing multicast data over the Gb interface between the SGSN and BSS and to control the flow for multicast data. The problems are solved by transferring multicast data over the Gb interface by utilizing a packet flow context.

Claim 1, 10 and 17

The method, system and device according to your claims 1, 10 and 17 differs from closest prior art document D1 in that a packet flow context (PFC) and identifier is associated to at least one multicast service when transferring multicast data over the Gb interface.

The packet flow context associated to at least one multicast service relate to a flow control mechanism for multicast services. Since, the bit rate for multicast services may be high and varying the multicast services can cause problems for other traffic delivered by the BSS, see your application page 4 lines 18-20.

However, a person skilled in the art facing this problem would find a solution in D2. From document D2 is it previously known to control the flow for a service over the Gb interface by means of a packet flow context (PFC). The introduction of the packet flow context makes it possible to control the bit rate for each PFC to a mobile station.

Since D1 and D2 both relate to the same technical field and no unexpected effect is obtained the combination of what is known from D1 and D2 is considered obvious for a person skilled in the art. The invention claimed in claims 1, 10 and 17 is thus not considered to involve an inventive step.

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Claims 2-9 and 11-16

The method and system according to your claims 2-9 and 11-16 are considered as constructional details which are considered obvious for a person skilled in the art.

To sum up: What is claimed in claims 1-17 is novel and comprises industrial applicability but is not considered to involve an inventive step.